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The Suburban Citizen takes pleasure in laying before its readers this week a sketch of the work accomplished by the Citizens' Northwest Association of the District of Columbia. While the account is necessarily brief, it will be found sufficiently comprehensive to convey a fair idea of the achievements possible under a systematic union of intelligent effort upon the part of men who have at heart the interests of the community in which they live.

The territory chosen by the Northwest Association as its field of operations is one of the most interesting of the several suburban sections of the District. Here the hand of Nature, deftly touching her mysterious loom, wrought one of her prettiest pictures, and here the skillful hand of man has framed and fashioned many spacious mansions rich in artistic symmetry and noted as the homes of men and women of dignified yet modest refinement.

The story would not be complete were we to fail to refer to the possibilities which the future presents, and hence we point out some of the things which the association will endeavor to add to the attractive features of the northwest section during the coming year. For the same reason we present short articles concerning a number of the leading men whose names appear upon its roll of members.

We venture to say that no man will read the narrative without finding in it something which will interest him—something which, perhaps, in the turn which time and chance often give to events, will make him glad that he had the opportunity of doing so. To our patrons in towns and cities remote from the Capital, whose attention has been directed toward Washington as a field for investment, we beg to convey the assurance that the gentlemen whose names are mentioned below are in every way worthy of their confidence. Inquiries addressed to any of them concerning the city and its numerous progressive suburban localities will bring prompt and reliable responses.

In the meantime any information which the Suburban Citizen can give to its readers abroad will be immediately and cheerfully furnished without other cost to the inquirer than the inclosure of postage.

### OUR PARKS.

Whether it be true or not that the United States has become a world power by reason of the result of the war with Spain, it is well known that this country has for a long time ranked high in the estimation of the civilized world not because our navy was the greatest and most powerful, or our army the largest, although we have been able to successfully defend our territory and protect the interests of our people, but because of the intelligence, tact and ingenuity of our citizens, the remarkable internal and perhaps international development of our country, the general prosperity of our people and the opportunity afforded by our form of government, our institutions, and generally speaking, our cosmopolitan manners and customs which have furnished equal advantages for achieving success.

The history of the world does not give us an illustration of a similar advancement by any people. We have undoubtedly in a short time, comparatively speaking, increased greatly in population, cultivated an immense amount of territory, felled the trees from thousands of acres, constructed many thousand miles of steam and electric railroad, established a large number of public schools, private colleges and institutions for scientific and technical education, accumulated an unprecedented amount of individual, corporate, municipal and national wealth, excelled perhaps in the establishment of a great number of hospitals and sanitariums of a public and eleemosynary character, advanced in the development of mineral resources, in manufacturing, in the display of the inventive genius of our people, in the extent of our agricultural industry, in the ordinary edu-

cation of our young folks, in the building of a large number of cities equipped with all the advantages known to science and conducive to health by the observance of sanitary rules and regulations, including a large number of well-kept public parks.

The highest state of the exemplification of these national characteristics should be found in the District of Columbia, the home of the United States Government.

Surely, with these advancements, with our individual, corporate and national wealth, with the efforts which other cities have made in this country to afford every opportunity for private development by the establishment of necessary public improvements so that private improvements can follow, the Congress of the United States which alone can legislate for the District of Columbia will, we hope, no longer permit the capital of this great nation to be deprived of necessary advantages and thereby cause its ordinate growth and development to be retarded by insufficient street sewerage and water, light and park facilities.

While there are unfortunately many needs, and indeed real necessities of the national capital, some affecting the health of our people, which Congress has thus far refused to provide, it will be more particularly the purpose of this paper to direct attention to the unimproved "parks" of Washington and their importance to the people, not only of this city, but to those of the country generally, and indeed we may include those from foreign countries who expect to find at the National Capital examples in landscape gardening and horticultural growth which will not only please the eye but enable them to acquire a practical lesson of utility. The florists of the country are not only professionally but peculiarly interested in the matter of securing from Congress a sufficient appropriation to make all the public parks of Washington what they ought to have been years ago; i. e., not only beautiful to the observer and an ornament to the city, but useful as a lesson in arrangement, selection of color and knowledge of the varieties of horticultural plants. If each horticulturist throughout the country would write to his member of Congress favoring increased appropriation of money for the parks of Washington, it is safe to assume that the amount recommended by Colonel Bingham, in charge of these national reservations, would not be cut below the limit within which it is possible for him to properly improve them.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have just celebrated the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the seat of Government in the District of Columbia, there are within the limits of the old city (which is only a small part of the District) many reservations which have never even been graded, much less beautified and improved. We also have parks or reservations which Colonel Bingham would like to bring to the proper standard of improvement, and it is the sincere wish of the public generally that every effort should be made to urge Congress to do what ought to have been done years ago for our parks, and thereby advance the interests of all our people, and make the capital city of this great nation a credit in this respect to our people and their country, even if it should continue to suffer for other necessary municipal needs.

Any reference to the parks of Washington would be incomplete without including Rock Creek Park, which consists of about 1800 acres of land. It was acquired at a cost of \$1,200,000 jointly expended by the United States Government and the District of Columbia ten years ago. Not one dollar has thus far been expended in its improvement except to make a few driveways, and this was not done until recently.

The public have been, practically speaking, deprived of an advantage which the park was intended to afford as a pleasure ground. The substantial stone buildings in the park should be utilized, and we hope it will be improved and made accessible. It should not only be ornamented, but perhaps more particularly the natural beauties ought to be protected.

It is not generally known to what an extent a great variety of plants, shrubs, vines and trees can be found in this great rural park, independent of the extreme beauty of its natural scenery. We will be permitted to quote an expression made by one of our most valued citizens, the late John Saul. He was a florist and horticulturist of national reputation, and happened to be a witness in the condemnation proceedings when the land for the park was acquired by the Government.

When questioned by the Hon. Jeremiah M. Wilson as to the variety and value of the trees, palms, vines and shrubs to be found within the park, he replied: "Not only every growth indigenous to this locality, generally speaking, can be found, but I am surprised to find rare plants growing wild there, and in fact Washington seems to be so located that an experienced observer will conclude that at this point the flora of the North and the flora of the South appear to meet."

The town that borrowed \$10,000 from Russell Sage and then went out of business has not had the last laugh. Mr. Sage is after the remains.

## A STALWART ORGANIZATION.

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sum of \$60,000. The view from his broad porches is not surpassed at any point in the District, which is saying a great deal for Oak View. From them one may look down upon the busy city whose myriads of electric lights at night present a scene of rare beauty. The announcement that Colonel Fleming had purchased Oak View was hailed with delight by the people of the northwest section and that their welcome to him was in every way justified has been demonstrated by the active part he has taken in the affairs of the association since he became the owner of the famous mansion, albeit it must not be understood that his interest in public improvements there began with that event. He has long been known in Washington as a gentleman whose views upon all questions affecting the welfare of the city and its suburbs have been in accord with twentieth century progress. It was through Colonel Fleming's efforts that the site for the Episcopal cathedral and the cathedral school, on Wisconsin avenue, was purchased, monuments which will serve as reminders of the public spirit and generosity of the man in years to come. By profession Colonel Fleming is an architect, in which a happy faculty of blending artistic features of construction with solid utility have won for him well merited distinction.

### Believes in Greater Washington.

There is no more enthusiastic advocate of every legitimate scheme for the advancement of the various interests of the city of Washington than Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker, of 920 F street. This well-known gentleman believes in a greater Washington—in a great national municipality which, in all that appertains to patriotic pride in the achievements of a liberty loving people, shall set the pace for the proudest capitals of the world. Mr. Shoemaker's views with respect to the growth of the city in beauty and importance are supported by many able arguments, and on more than one occasion have been eloquently emphasized in the presence of members of the Senate and House of Representatives charged with the consideration of District interests. In the promotion of plans dependent upon Congressional aid for the improvement of the reservation, both within and beyond the limits of the city, he has been remarkably successful, and it is not often that any new undertaking is inaugurated without the assistance of his ready tongue and sound judgment. Mr. Shoemaker is a leading member of the Citizens' Northwest Association and, of course, is one of its most effective workers. He is chairman of the Executive Committee and devotes much of his time to the duties of that office. His reports to the organization are among the most thoughtful and helpful papers brought to its attention and have played a most important part in stimulating the growth of the association. On the floor he is always listened to with eager interest and it seldom happens that the opinions and suggestions he puts forth do not elicit unanimous approval. Outside of the association's hall he has labored hard in hand with President Lancaster in the utilization of every opportunity to increase the attractions of the northwest section and make it the ideal residence suburb of the city, and his efforts have always been directed in a manner that showed that they were backed by a solid fund of energy and earnestness. Mr. Shoemaker lives in a handsome house on Brightwood avenue. He is an attorney of high standing and at his office on F street one may meet the most prominent people in the city. In his profession he is deservedly popular and in the private and social walks of life there is no man in Washington with a more enviable record. He is now serving his second term of office as president of the Brightwood Citizens' Association.

### A Pioneer of Development.

The man who has not heard of Maj. George A. Armes is a stranger in Washington. There are thousands, however, who know him and honor him for the interest he has taken in the advancement of District affairs. No man has labored more earnestly to make the National Capital the most beautiful city in the world. Major Armes is a pioneer in the work of suburban development and the fruits of his well-directed efforts may be seen at many places within the borders of the District. His handsome home "Fairfield" is one of the architectural attractions of the section in which it stands, and there are few people among the thousands who visit the city whose attention is not directed to it in the course of a pleasure journey along Connecticut avenue extended. Years ago Major Armes foresaw the necessity for extending Connecticut avenue, and when, finally, time and circumstances favored steps looking to the prosecution of the project, he applied himself to the task with a zeal which has distinguished him not only in civil but in military life. Through his efforts Senator William M. Stewart and Congressman Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada, became interested in the northwest section of the District, and with other well-known gentlemen, purchased a large tract of land bordering on that thoroughfare, and the work of improvement which has gone on with amazing rapidity ever since was at once begun. The electric railway, which reduced the time between the city and Chevy Chase to little more than thirty minutes, was soon constructed and a multitude of people turned their faces on holidays and Sundays toward the popular resort. Major Armes is, of course, a member of the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association and is ever active in the promotion of plans for increasing its usefulness. His record as a soldier is one to which his numerous friends and admirers point with pride, and of which the Major himself, notwithstanding a disinclination to refer to honors won in the tragedy of war, is very properly entitled to feel proud.

### A GOOD PLACE TO INVEST.

Among influential men who have found in Tenleytown and the country immediately adjacent to it an excellent field for investment is Mr. Christian Heinrich, the well-known brewer of the National Capital. Mr. Heinrich has added to the attractive features of the

central portion of the village by the erection of several pretty and costly residences, and has otherwise shown his interest in its prosperity and growth. While it is not known what improvements he contemplates making upon other property which he owns in Tenleytown, it is not doubted that the enterprising brewer has in store some pleasant surprises for the people. As a matter of fact, however, Mr. Heinrich, who is known far and near as a clear-headed and successful business man, has found Tenleytown a good place to invest. It is certain that the people earnestly appreciate his friendly feeling for the village. His promise to donate a lot on which to erect a town hall and Masonic temple has caused much rejoicing in Tenleytown.

### Woodley Park.

The man who made Cleveland Heights and gave impetus to the work of development which has taken place between the Rock Creek bridge and Tenleytown within the past few years, is at present engaged in a new enterprise which will greatly augment the beauty of suburban Washington. It was through the efforts of H. Pierce Waggaman that Cleveland Heights was subdivided and that bowery quarter of the northwest district known as Cleveland Park was laid out and made ready for the erection of palatial country homes. The rapid growth of these two subdivisions encouraged Mr. Waggaman to turn his attention to the improvement of a large and valuable tract of land lying just beyond the point at which the new Connecticut avenue bridge will span the rippling waters of Rock Creek. The task which he set for himself was one of monumental proportions, not simply in the matter of clearing the ground, filling up the many uneven places in it, laying off lots and grading streets, but in the wholesale drafts it was sure to make upon his bank account. It is a well-known fact, however, that Mr. Waggaman is not the man to haul down his colors at the bidding of Discouragement. Having determined to lay out Woodley Park, he went to work, and to-day the grading of the ground on which will stand a few years hence a score or so of the prettiest residences to be found within sight of the National Capital, has been more than half completed. This improvement required the expenditure of large sums of money, all of which has found its way to the pockets of Washington men. Mr. Waggaman is also grading Connecticut avenue extended, which, with the work he is doing in the park, will entail an outlay of \$200,000. It is understood that plans are already under consideration for the erection of a number of hand-

Girls, is near Cleveland Park (2 blocks removed). "Woodley," the summer residence of President Cleveland during his last term of office, is in its immediate neighborhood.

"Twin Oaks," the fine residence of the late Hon. Gardner G. Hubbard, adjoins the Park, and, by a beautiful entrance, is connected with it.

"Oak View," or "Red Top," the former residence of President Cleveland, now that of Col. Fleming, is at Cleveland Park.

The suburban residence of the Hon. J. R. McLean, on Wisconsin Avenue, is opposite the Park.

The residence of Mr. Chas. J. Bell, President of the American Security and Trust Company, adjoins the Park.

Connecticut Avenue, destined to be in the "New Washington," as in the old, the most important of its residence streets, passes through the Park.

Detailed information about Cleveland Park may be had by applying to Mr. John Sherman, 610 Fourteenth Street, N. W.

## PROF. IRELAND'S GOOD WORK.

The people of Tenleytown are fortunate in having as their principal of public schools Prof. W. B. Ireland, one of the most prominent men in local educational circles. Ten years ago, when the management of educational interests was placed in his hands, but ninety-four pupils attended the Tenleytown schools, which were presided over by three teachers. Now there are five teachers and 305 pupils. This marked growth, representing an increase of considerably more than 200 per cent., is the result of Professor Ireland's tireless and intelligent application to the duties of his office, which, it should be remarked, he accepted at the earnest solicitation of Professor Powell. During the past four years Professor Ireland has been a resident of Tenleytown and has taken an active part in every movement for the advancement of the interests of the section. It was at his suggestion that the handsome lot formerly owned by the Catholic Church was purchased as the site for a school building adequate to the daily increasing needs of the community, and it is expected that in a short time it will be occupied by a commodious and attractive structure. Among the most interesting of Professor Ireland's recent efforts for the stimulation of educational interests in Tenleytown was the organization of the Library Association, which is already well stocked with choice books and which promises to prove a



MAJOR GEORGE A. ARMES, U. S. A., RETIRED.

Author of "Ups and Downs of an Army Officer," a work containing much valuable information on suburban people.

some buildings in the new subdivision early in the spring. Mr. Waggaman is a gentleman of marked business ability and has taken an earnest interest in the promotion of the material development of the suburban district west of Rock Creek. He is one of the most popular real estate men of Washington and has been prominent in every movement for enhancing the attractiveness of the city. Upon the completion of the work in which he is now engaged at Woodley Park it will be surprising if he does not immediately take up some other enterprise of equal, if not greater, importance.

### A MAN OF FLOWERS.

A man who lives among flowers from the beginning of the year to its close is Mr. John R. Morgan, the popular florist, who owns a charming suburban home at the junction of Grant road and Connecticut avenue extended. The products of Mr. Morgan's hot-houses are regarded as being equal to the flowers of the largest and finest floral establishments in the country. He has spent fifteen years in the business, during which time he has devoted himself to a painstaking study of the conditions under which the best results are possible, and the fact that his list of patrons includes many people who move in the highest social and official circles in the city furnishes convincing evidence that his labor has not been in vain. He occupies stands No. 230 and 231 in the Centre Market.

### CLEVELAND PARK.

The character of Cleveland Park may be safely determined from the following, among other important facts: The Episcopal Cathedral grounds, with the new and fine Hearst School for

God bless Professor Ireland. May he in wisdom's ways Be true to his profession And worthy of all praise.

His life is not all gladness, His days not all delight, For he must be ever working To win the teacher's fight.

God bless him and adorn him With crowns not made by man, For he'll surely get to Heaven, Since he does the best he can.

### A SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

The Washington School for Boys is a complete school receiving day pupils and boarding pupils of any age. It is located on Wisconsin Avenue, near Cleveland Park.

The School occupies two buildings—the Recreation Hall, planned by the well-known New York architect, Mr. Frank E. Wallis, and the Residence, one of the finest suburban mansions about Washington, formerly the home of Mr. R. H. Goldsborough. The Recreation Hall, specially erected for the School, embodies the latest ideas of

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## TAKOMA PARK NEWS.

The board of directors of the Takoma Club and Library decided at their last meeting to vacate the house at present occupied near the log cabin.

A desirable new building containing eight rooms, located very near the station and well adapted to their purposes has been leased and it will be immediately equipped with all requisites.

Another billiard table, a piano and ample furniture will be purchased at once for the new home.

A number of citizens have signified their intention of joining, which, with the present membership, will make this undertaking an assured success.

Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker is president of this organization, and the members of the board of directors are John S. Swormstedt, Dr. A. V. Parsons, Charles M. Heaton, Homer Guerry, M. J. Wine, William C. Platt, Edward J. Douglass, J. Vance Lewis, Wilton J. Lambert, W. A. E. Dyre, Samuel S. Shedd, Horace J. Gray, George A. Warner and H. S. Knight.

This club and library, with its athletic features, has proved a very desirable and attractive improvement for Takoma and that section of the District generally.

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